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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## 91 recent Kentucky graduates awarded Byrd Honors Scholarships

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (June 28, 2006) — Ninety-one recent Kentucky high school graduates have been awarded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships to help pay for their college education. This scholarship award is \$1,500 a year.

The Byrd Scholarship is a federally funded program administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). It is named for longtime U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who authored the legislation establishing the program in 1985.

KHEAA and its sister agency, The Student Loan People<sup>sm</sup>, administer scholarship, grant, low-cost loan, savings and work-study programs to help Kentuckians pay for college. One program is the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), which allows students to earn money for college by making good grades in high school. KEES is funded by Kentucky Lottery proceeds.

The agencies also provide free college planning and financial aid information to students, parents and counselors.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

